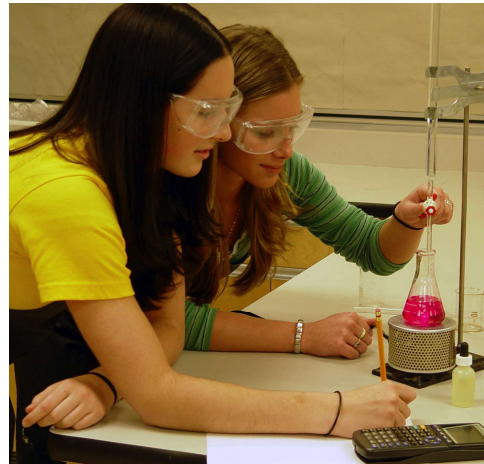





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ABOUT NSLA

NSLA is a national, non-profit organization focused on the powerful impact of one achievable goal: investing in summer learning to help close the achievement gap. NSLA uses the power of research, advocacy, training, and policy to transform America's neighborhoods and communities, one child at a time.

Our work is based on the simple idea that summer—a time that is easily overlooked yet critical to educational development—is bursting with possibility, and instrumental in closing the achievement gap between privileged children and our most vulnerable children.



WHY SUMMERS MATTER



Summer is the time of greatest inequity for young people. When schools are closed, many low income young people lack access to meals, books and other learning resources, and physical activity.



Our Vision
Every child grows
during the summer

Our Approach

Decades of research clearly demonstrate that summer is the most unequal time in America and that summer learning loss constitutes a significant, if largely unrecognized, threat to academic achievement.



#SummerChangesEverything

WHY SUMMERS MATTER

During the school year, resources are turned **ON**.



WHY SUMMERS MATTER

During the summer, the faucet is turned **OFF** for low-income youth.



Elementary school students with high levels of attendance (at least five weeks) in voluntary **SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS experience benefits in math and reading.**

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Our Strategy

Building systems at the national, state, and local level.



Local Level

Focus Effort

Improve summer opportunities for millions of kids and build a coalition to drive state strategy



State Level

Increase Effort

Invest where there is potential for rapid yet lasting change and create models for national action



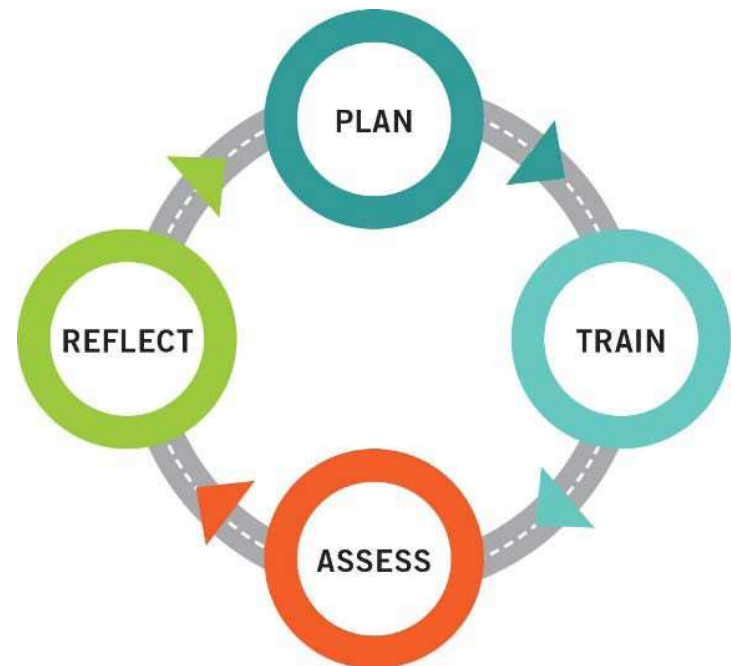
National Level

Sustain But Reinvent Efforts

Defend existing funding and leverage existing programs for better information and new opportunities

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CYCLE

- PLAN**: Set quality improvement goals and develop and implement a plan for achieving them.
- TRAIN**: Develop staff understanding and ownership of program quality goals and strategies.
- ASSESS**: Look for evidence of quality improvement during the program.
- REFLECT**: Review summer program data and debrief with key stakeholders.



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Knowledge Center

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A Comprehensive Planning Guide for Summer Learning Programs

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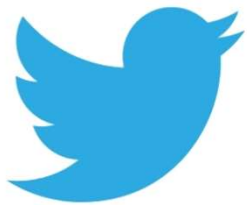
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